

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants: WALKER et al.  
Application No.: 09/045,036  
Filed: March 20, 1998  
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING THE PLAY OF FRACTIONAL LOTTERY TICKETS UTILIZING POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS**  
Attorney Docket No. 97-558

Group Art Unit: 3622  
Examiner: Carlson, Jeffrey D.

Commissioner for Patents  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

A status inquiry was previously filed on January 12, 2007.

To date, no communication has been received from the Examiner relating to examination of this application since November 15, 2005.

Please advise Applicants' undersigned representative of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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